

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CT-74

MAGI #0500745504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wells House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Varden Street (Lower Marlboro Lane)

CITY, TOWN

Lower Marlboro

VICINITY OF

STATE

MD

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John & Joan M. Connell

Telephone #: 855-7289

STREET & NUMBER

Varden Street

CITY, TOWN

Owings

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: JLB 182

Folio #: 385

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Although this two-story frame house is said to date from the mid-nineteenth century, its original construction is not available for examination and the only visible woodwork is very late nineteenth century. That the house was moved to its present location in the late nineteenth century explains this discrepancy. A small one-room section to the west of the house retains an early nineteenth century window. This room, its porch to the south, and a one-room separate kitchen to the west were probably re-used parts of buildings added to the main house when it was moved to its present location. Additions built by the present owners (John and Joan Connell, 1979) incorporated these earlier fragments.

The 3-bay long by one bay deep main house has a gable roof running north-south. Scallops decorate the roof's eaves and barge boards. A porch running across the east side is distinguished by turned posts and scrolled jig-sawn brackets.

A beautiful etched-glass door has been replaced in the southern bay of the east side. Two-pane sidelights and a two-pane transom surround the door opening. 6/6 windows occupy the other five bays on the front. One 6/6 window lights either floor in the south gable end. On the west side, two 6/6 windows light the first floor and three 6/6 windows light the second floor. The Connells rebuilt the north end's exterior chimney and built an addition around it.

The floor plan consists of a side stair hall to the south and a single parlor to the north. On the second floor there are two rooms over the parlor.

The stair features jig-sawn scrolled step ends and a fat, heavy newel post.

An interesting nail, which I call the "Marlboro nail" was found by the Connells during their restoration. Its original location is unknown, but it may be an early wire roofing nail used to hold tin roofing. The 3" long nail has a round, but hammered, head attached to a thick wire shank, like a large wire nail. The long, four-sided point appears to have been hand-cut.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The property in Lower Marlboro on which the house, known to most as the Wells house, is located, is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. John M. Connell, who acquired the land in 1975. Prior to that time, it had belonged to the Oliver Wells family, who obtained it through the will of Margaret E. Wells Dalrymple, widow of John M.B. Dalrymple. Mr. Dalrymple served as postmaster at Lower Marlboro in 1871 and 1878 and was also a blacksmith in the village.

The Connells are doing their own restoration work, and are making every effort to have the house appear as it did when first erected. Hand-adzed beams were found as well as windows whose panes contained old glass. A conversation with Mr. Griffith Armiger of Lower Marlboro, who is in his nineties, and who lives next door to the house, revealed that, as he remembered, the house was built by his father in the mid 1860's. Mrs. Leida Younger King, another one-time resident of Lower Marlboro, was interviewed in 1971, at the age of 89, and stated that the house once stood in the vicinity of the small graveyard behind the present home of Mr. Armiger. When she was a child, it was inhabited by the Carr family, and after their death, the Armigers moved the house to its present location. Land records of 1885 (GWD 14 Folio 309) do show the conveyance of 2/5 acre from the Carrs to the Armigers, described as the lot where the Carrs were then living.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Calvert County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 107

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dunkirk

MD 20754
STATE zip

(Significance statement by Wayne Nield)

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

JOHN M. & JOAN M. CONNELL
THE WELLS HOUSE
LOWER MARLBORO

JLB 182/385

JUNE 29, 1975

Ward Brother Inc.

John M. Connell
Joan M. Connell

ground situate, lying and being in Lower Marlboro.

JLB 80/119

February 28, 1966

Roger S. Wood Sr.
Pearl M. Wood
Frank B. McClanahan
Maragret A. McClanahan

Ward Brothers Inc.

JLB 45/632

September 16, 1961

Mark E. Grace
Mary M. Grace

42 ac.

Roger S. Wood Sr.
Pearl M. Wood

JLB 45/ 421

September 2, 1961

Edward A. Watts
Gloria L. Watts

42 ac.

Mark E. Grace
Mary M. Grace

JLB 16/ 462-A

May 1. 1958

Earl R. Bragg
Myrtle I Bragg

42 ac.

Edward A. Watts
Gloria L. Watts

JLB 4/213

Mark E. Grace
Mary M. Grace

Myrtle I. Bragg
Earl R. Bragg

near village of Lower Marlboro

AWR 35/270

July 23, 1953

Lawerence M. Wells
Margaret A. Wells

Mark E. Grace
Mary M. Grace

AWR 35/47

May 29, 1953

Oliver H. Wells
Carrie Wells
Leonard F. Wells
Olive Wells

Lawerence M. Wells
Margaret A. Wells

1 ac.

Margaret E. Dalrymple departed leaving sole heirs at law her children:

Oliver H. Wells
Lenoard F. wells
Zena Jefferson
Lawerence Wells

AAH 1/16

J.M.B. Dalrymple

Margaret E. Dalrymple

Obtained by last will and Testament.

Supl. Doc. 265

GWD 11/472

Olive H. Wells
Carrie Wells

J.M.B. Dalrymple

July 3, 1911

lot of ground in the village of Lower Marlboro
1 ac.

GWD 5/143

January 2, 1905

Louis O. Trott
Bertie F. Trott

Olive H. Wells

2 ac.

village of Lower Marlboro

TBT 5/456

March 17, 1899

Charles G. Spickmall
Maria L. Spickmall

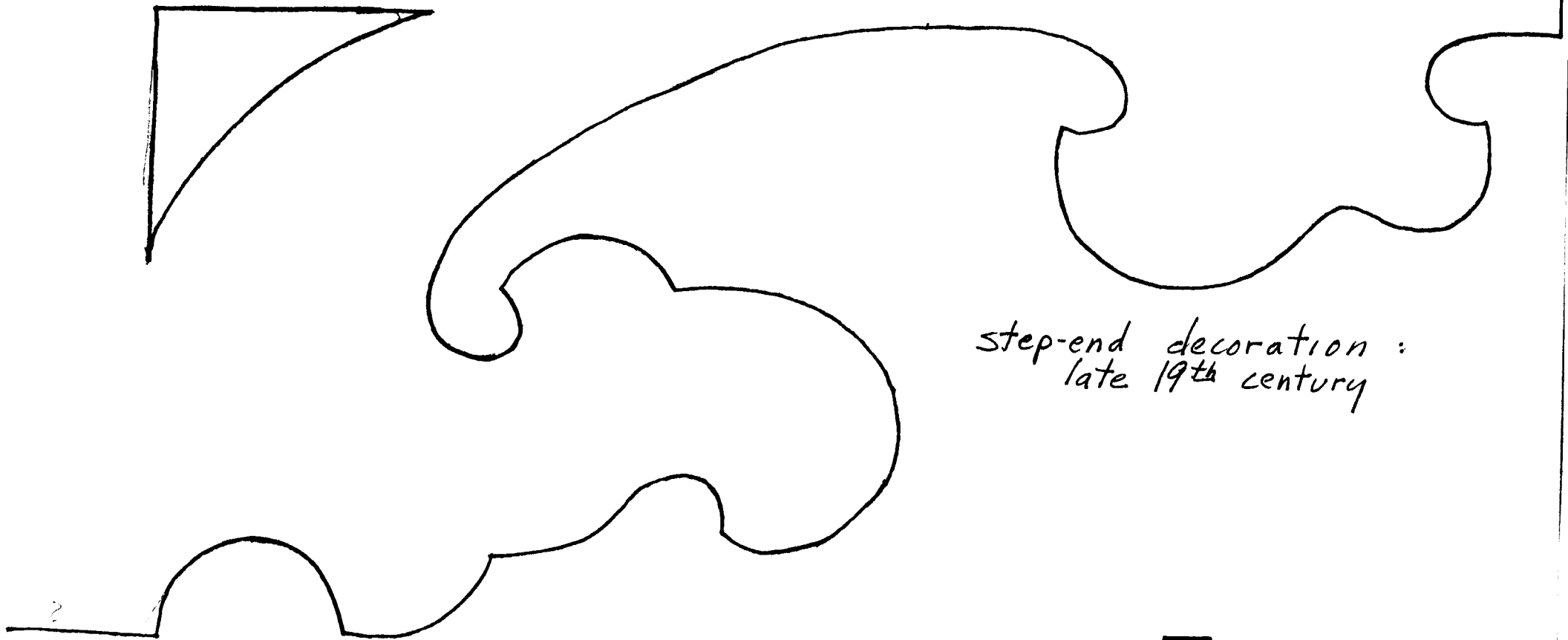
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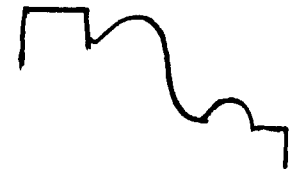
TBT 4/311

November 17, 1896

CT-74 Wells House



step-end decoration :
late 19th century



window trim: earlier
section

Name of Applicant: JOHN M AND JOAN M. CONNELL
Mailing Address: LOWER MARLBORO, OWINGS, MD
Name of Property: "THE WELLS HOUSE"
Location: Election District: 1 2 (3) Community: LOWER MARLBORO
Adjoining Road(s) _____

Assessors' Map No. 14 : Map Coordinates: _____

Area: Acres 1.28 P 66
Metes and Bounds Description(s): _____

Survey Plat or Tax Map Extract: Attach to application

Owner of Record: JOHN M. AND JOAN M. CONNELL Deed Reference: JLB 182
JLB 385

County Zoning District: _____

Adjoining Property Owners (2): Mr. Miller, Dallas Ward, Richard,
WAVATO, DORNEY SPICKMALL

Significance of Site (Describe significant elements of cultural, social, economic, historical or architectural history, or other basis for requesting designation) (2):
ATTACHED

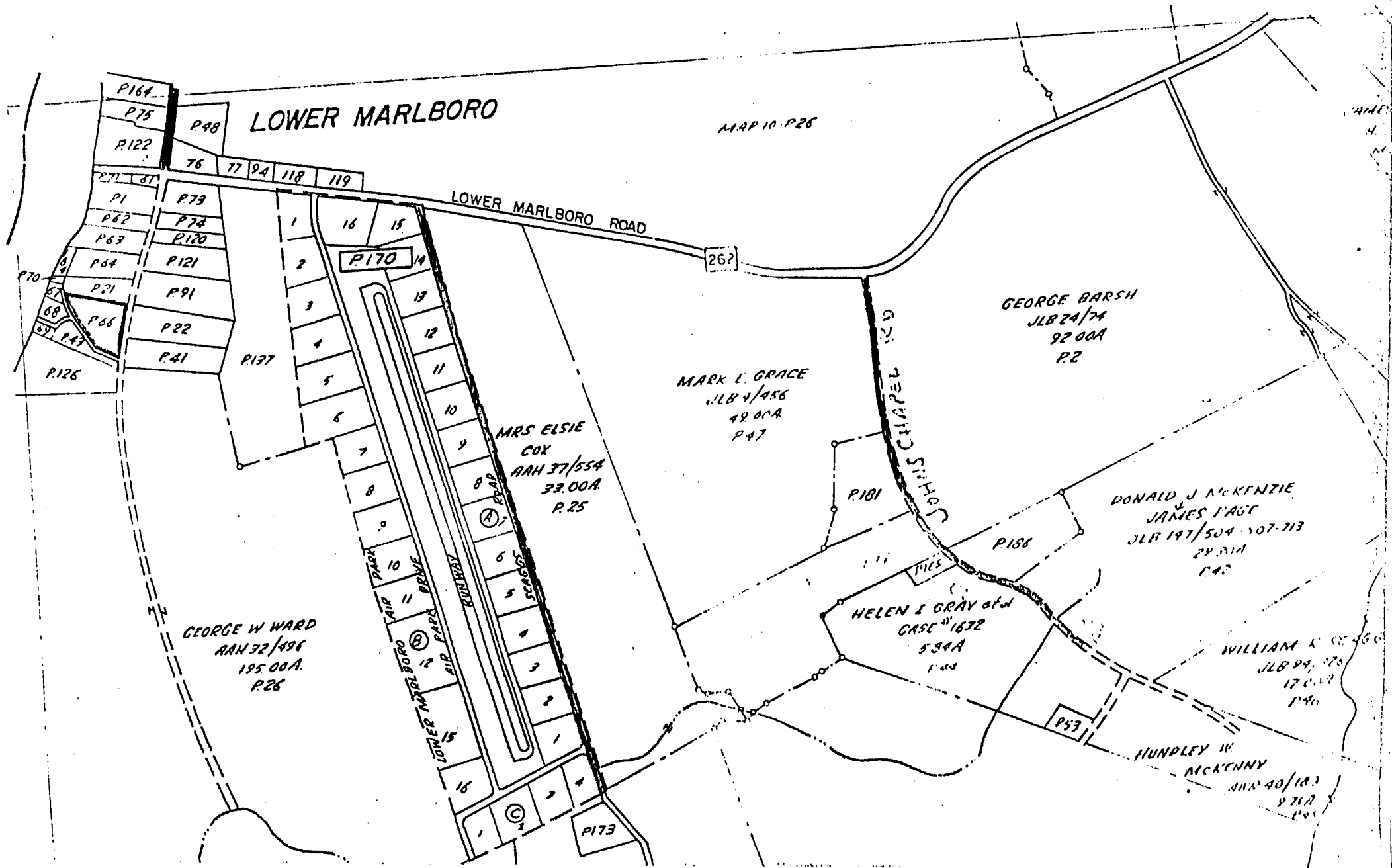
Other Remarks (2): _____

Attachments (3): PICTURES

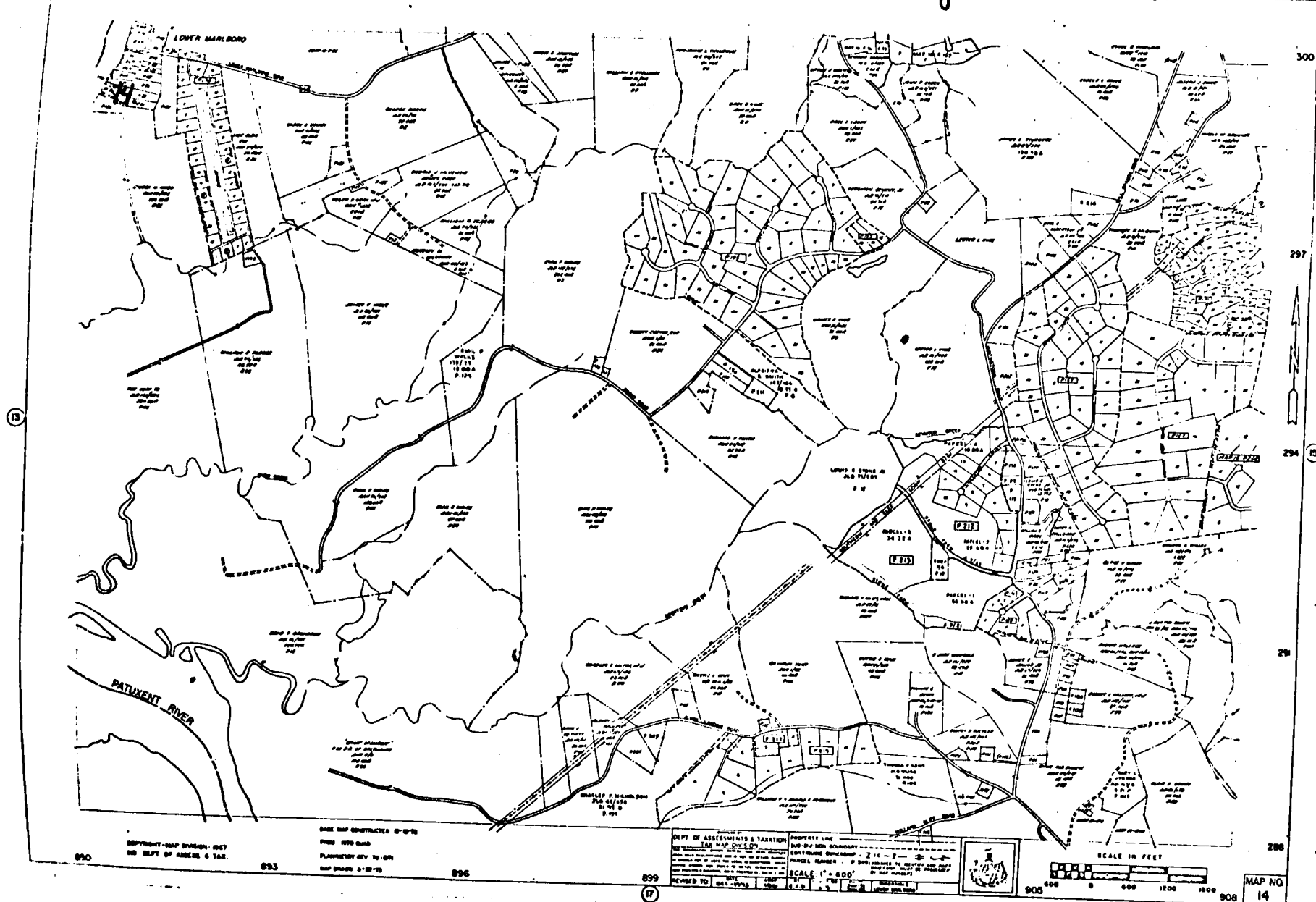
Signature of Applicant: John M. Connell

Concurrence of Owner: Joan M. Connell

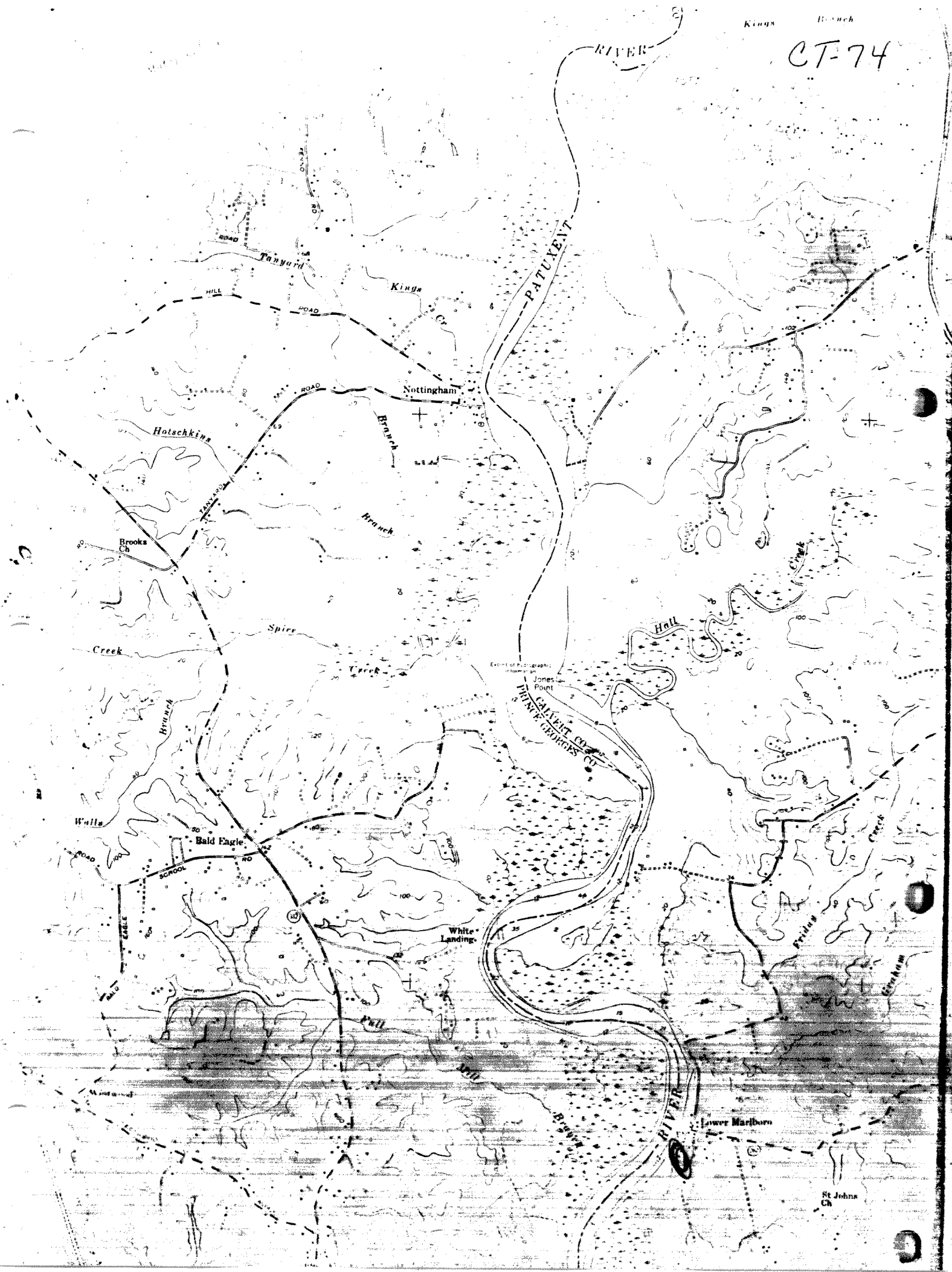
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